

The North Shore Restorative Justice Society

Restorative Justice is a philosophy that looks at crime and conflict as a breakdown between people and relationships. Restorative Justice acknowledges that when a crime occurs it impacts the victim, community, and offender, and therefore in order to resolve or to start to heal the harm, all people affected need to be part of the conversation.






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SUMMARY:

- ▶ Community based non-profit since 1997 (gained charity status in 2010)
- ▶ Volunteer-based organization with 50+ active volunteers
- ▶ Four full-time staff
- ▶ Offices located at North Vancouver RCMP (14th and Lonsdale) and West Vancouver Police Department (13th and Marine Drive)

PROGRAMS:

- ▶ Restorative Response- police diversion program
- ▶ Circles in Schools- strengths-based education program
 - ▶ Preventative component in response to high numbers of youth files from Restorative Response program
 - ▶ Providing 30 weekly Circles to over 1000 children & youth in 2016
- ▶ 'Community Dialogue' Series
- ▶ Youth 'Speak-Out' Series
- ▶ Elders at risk of abuse and neglect programs



'The North Shore Restorative Justice Society is an integral part of the overall policing model and has been for years with the North Vancouver RCMP. By assisting society with person and property crimes the NSRJ system saves countless financial costs by avoiding lengthy police investigations, court costs and should a person be imprisoned extensive long term costs.

The NSRJS system focus is for long term and everlasting solutions with these societal concerns. The employees regularly attend briefings keeping members fully informed of their duties, abilities and successes. The RCMP members respect the Restorative Justice personnel and regularly refer clients with the intent of a solution rather than punishment. Having productive members of society is more important creating new criminals.

Restorative Justice is an absolute necessity in the greater focus for a harmonious society. Restorative Justice must be fully supported to be successful.'

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